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***Washington, DC – Congressman Albio Sires released the following statement following President Barack Obama’s announcement that Osama bin Laden has been killed in Pakistan:***

**“From the banks of the Hudson River, I watched in horror as the skyline of New York City was attacked and thousands of Americans lost their lives in a heinous plot orchestrated by Osama bin Laden. September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 changed our lives and our country forever. Last night, President Obama announced that the evil mastermind behind the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks was dead. After a long search, Osama bin Laden has been brought to justice. While the losses suffered that tragic day will never be forgotten, I hope the families of the victims are able to find some amount of comfort and closure in his capture.”**

**“The United States’ ability to locate and kill Osama bin Laden is a true achievement. I commend the brave men and women of our military and intelligence community for their unwavering pursuit of this dangerous man and his brutal agenda. Due to their dedication and courage, we have brought justice for the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks. As a member of the US House of Representatives, Foreign Affairs Committee, a former Mayor of a small town directly across from Manhattan, and most of all as a citizen of this great nation, I also want to commend the women and men who fight for our freedom every day.**

**“As Americans everywhere reflect on this victory against terrorism, we understand that**

**threats still remain.** We must stay vigilant in our efforts at home and abroad to protect our great nation, its people and the ideals it represents. God Bless our Armed Forces and God Bless America.”

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